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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLF'S VISIT TO KINSHASA AND THE KIVUS

REF: KINSHASA 8578

1. MONUC HAS AGREED TO PUT A UN AIRCRAFT AT THE DISPOSAL OF CODEL WOLF BEGINNING JANUARY 8 IN KINSHASA. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF MONUC, A TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CODEL FOR THE TIME THEY ARE IN THE CONGO (DRC). SPECIFICALLY, THE AIRCRAFT WILL TAKE THE CONGRESSMAN WOLF AND HIS DELEGATION FROM KINSHASA TO GOMA, AND ON TO BUKAVU BEFORE RETURNING TO GOMA.

2. EMBASSIES KINSHASA AND KIGALI WOULD THEN COORDINATE TO ARRANGE FOR CODEL'S WOLF'S TRANSPORTATION TO THE NEARBY RWANDAN TOWN OF GISENYI FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO KIGALI,

3. THE MONUC ADMINISTRATOR SAID THAT DUE TO LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR MONUC TO PROVIDE AN AIRCRAFT SPECIFICALLY FOR CODEL WOLF STARTING FROM GOMA. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED THE KINSHASA VENUE AS THE MOST FEASIBLE.

4. IN ADDITION, IN A DECEMBER 29 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SWING, PRESIDENT KABILA AGREED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN WOLF AND HIS PARTY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8 IN KINSHASA WHERE HE EXPECTS TO BE, AT THIS TIME.

5. CODEL WOLF MAY WISH TO ARRIVE IN KINSHASA AT 2200, SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, ABOARD SABENA FLIGHT SN 759 FROM BRUSSELS. SWING